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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 26, 2003

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In response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 26, 2003, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/4256.Y1/BTP, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.